



RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

To name the SLAM building

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WHEREAS, the Alaska Historical Museum and Library was established by an Act of Congress in 1900; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums in the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development is scheduled to open a state-of-the-art building to house, protect, and exhibit its collections; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Territorial Governor Thomas Riggs Jr. appointed the Most Reverend Andrew P. Kashevaroff as the first Museum Curator and Historical Librarian in 1919 and he served as such until his death in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff was a vocal and energetic advocate for the museum and library and is fondly remembered as the institution's "Founding Father"; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff was a descendent of Russian explorers and the Alutiiq people of the Kodiak region; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff's family connections, skill in languages, and experience working within Russian and Alaskan Native cultures afforded him special access to both cultures, a benefit to the library and museum; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff acquired hundreds of Russian objects and publications, and thousands of Alaska Native artifacts for the library and museum; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff was the leading historian of the Alaska Territory of the time and a highly respected scholar, educator, Russian Orthodox priest, and musician; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff took a serious approach to the study of Alaska's history and ethnology, holding himself and others to a high standard of professionalism and

accuracy, assisting both amateur and professional scholars who needed information on Alaska; and

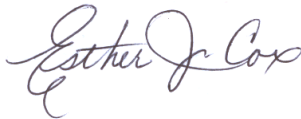
WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff's own research, much of which is yet unpublished, focused upon Alaska, most specifically Tlingit culture, church history and specific objects within the museum's and library's collections; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff was the first to open the museum and library to the public, personally welcoming tourists, assisting researchers and encouraging children to visit and explore the museum and library; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Kashevaroff was the first exemplar of the scope and commitment of the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums to protect and share Alaska's history and culture collaboratively across disciplines, so that visitors of all ages and from all walks of life can learn more about Alaska;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education & Early Development recommends that the new State Library, Archives and Museum building under construction in Juneau be named the Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives and Museum.

PASSED and APPROVED March 20, 2015

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Esther J. Cox". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'E' and a stylized 'C'.

Esther Cox, Chair,
On behalf of the State Board of Education & Early Development